

What is claimed is:

1. A method of accessing remote data from a portable device, comprising:

monitoring a user interface of the portable device for the selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented to the user of the portable device on a display, each said item of information being associated with further information stored on a remote server;

in response to the selection of an item of information from the plurality of items of information, sending a first request to a remote server for said associated information;

waiting for the receipt of said associated information in response to said first request;

whilst waiting for the receipt of said associated information, monitoring for a subsequent selection of a further item of information from said plurality of items of information and, in response to a subsequent selection, sending a request for the associated information of said further item of information to a remote server,

on receipt of said associated information, presenting to a user an indicator to indicate this receipt, the indicator comprising the momentary display of the received associated information.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein an icon is presented on the display together with the plurality of items of information.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the information associated with the further request is subsequently presented to the user in response to an input by the user.

4. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
receiving associated information and storing the associated information on a memory, forming a list of the selected items of information for which the

associated information has been received, displaying the list on the display of the device, monitoring for a selection of an item of information from the list and retrieving from memory the further information associated with the item selected from the list.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the list is ordered in order of request.

6. A method according to claim 4, wherein the list is ordered in reverse order of request.

7. A method according to claim 1, wherein on presentation of the plurality of items of information to the user a request is sent to the remote server for the associated information for all of the items of information presented to the user.

8. A method according to claim 7, wherein, when a user selects an item of information from the plurality of items of information, a check is made to ascertain whether the associated information of the selected item has already been received by the portable device and, when the associated information of the selected item has not already been received by the portable device, sending a request to the remote server for the information associated with the selected item.

9. A method according to claim 8, further comprising:
cancelling the request for the associated information for all of the items of information when a request for the information associated with the selected item is sent.

10. A portable device having a user interface comprising input means and a display, the device comprising:

means to monitor the user interface of the portable device for the selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented to the user of the portable device on the display, each said item of information being associated with further information;

a processor that is arranged, in response to the selection of an item of information from the plurality of items of information, to send a first request to a remote server for said associated information and to wait for the receipt of said associated information in response to said first request;

the processor being further arranged to monitor, whilst waiting for the receipt of said associated information, for a subsequent selection of a further item of information from said plurality of items of information and, in response to a subsequent selection, to send a request for the associated information of said further item of information to a remote server and, on receipt of said associated information, present to a user an indicator to indicate this receipt, the indicator comprising the momentary display of the received associated information.

11. A portable device according to claim 10, wherein the device is a portable telecommunications device.

12. A portable device according to claim 10, wherein the device is WAP device.

13. A browser for accessing data from a remote server, the browser being arranged to:

monitor a user interface for the selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented, each said item of information being associated with further information stored in a remote server;

in response to the selection of an item of information from the plurality of items of information, to send a first request to a remote server for said associated information;

wait for the receipt of said associated information in response to said first request;

whilst waiting for the receipt of said associated information, to monitor for a subsequent selection of a further item of information from said plurality of items of information and, in response to a subsequent selection, to send a request for the associated information of said further item of information to a remote server, and, on receipt of said associated information, presenting to a user an indicator to indicate this receipt, the indicator comprising the momentary display of the received associated information.

14. A method of accessing remote data, comprising:

monitoring a user interface for the selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented to the user on a display, each said item of information being associated with further information stored on a remote server;

in response to the selection of an item of information from the plurality of items of information, sending a first request to a remote server for said associated information;

on receipt of said associated information in response to said first request displaying the associated information on the display;

wherein on presentation of the plurality of items of information to the user a request is sent to a remote server or servers for the further information associated with all of the items of information presented.

15. A method of accessing remote data from a portable device, comprising:

monitoring a user interface of the portable device for the selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented to the user

of the portable device on a display, each said item of information being associated with further information stored on a remote server;

in response to the selection of an item of information from the plurality of items of information, sending a first request to a remote server for said associated information;

waiting for the receipt of said associated information in response to said first request;

whilst waiting for the receipt of said associated information, monitoring for a subsequent selection of a further item of information from said plurality of items of information and, in response to a subsequent selection, sending a request for the associated information of said further item of information to a remote server,

receiving associated information and storing the associated information in memory, forming a list of the selected items of information for which the associated information has been received, displaying the list on the display of the device, monitoring for a selection of an item of information from the list and retrieving from memory the further information associated with the item selected from the list.